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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS ON MSP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to procure arhar, gram, mustard, soyabean etc. on minimum support price like wheat and paddy to provide adequate price to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total quantity of the above commodities procured by the Government so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), National Consumer Cooperative Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) have been designated as central agencies for procurement of oilseeds & pulses, under Price Support Scheme (PSS). Besides, NAFED is also designated a central agency for procurement of cotton, in addition to Cotton Corporation of India (CCI). These central agencies undertake the procurement operations, as and when prices of these commodities fall below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) declared by the Government of India. The details of the procurement made by NAFED and SFAC during 2013-14 season, are as under:-

NAFED		SFAC	
Commodity	Quantity (in MT)	Commodity	Quantity (in MT)
Gram	3.14 (lac)	Urad	5
Arhar (toor)	46,700	Tur	6394
Mustard seed	1,700	Sunflower	516
Groundnut	3.46 (lac)	Groundnut	14,680
Gram	50,285		